

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING PROJECT TASK FORCE (ESPTF)

Meeting Summary

Meeting #8

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Following is a brief summary of the main points covered at the seventh meeting of the Environmental Sampling Project Task Force (ESPTF). This summary is to be used only as an outline for topics covered. It is not to be considered a comprehensive or editorial review of the meetings. For comprehensive meeting records please refer to the Task Force transcripts, prepared by a court reporter and posted on this web site.

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order. Pamela Sihvola served as alternate for Gene Bernardi, representing the Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste. Geoff Fiedler served as substitute for Nabil Al Hadithy, representing the City of Berkeley.

II Public Comment Period

Seven members of the public spoke for approximately three (3) minutes each. Please see the full meeting transcript for the record of these comments and all other dialogue in the meeting.

III. Status Report on the Task Force and Its Process

Facilitators reported on an informal meeting held December 13, 2001 for Task Force members interested in more detailed information on Sampling of Media discussed at the November Task Force Meeting. Task Force members aired complaints about the confusion regarding the purpose of the December 13th meeting. Task Force members who attended the 12/13 meeting explained that although people came together, the meeting was terminated before the sampling media could be discussed. It was terminated because attendees felt that it lacked broad enough representation from the Task Force. (Please see transcript.)

It was also reported that the revised TSAP for surface water, sediment, and soil had been sent out to Task Force Members and submitted to the EPA. EPA is expecting to return to LBNL by January 31, 2001.

The CMTW alternative representative objected to proceeding with the TSAP and gave a short presentation. (Please see Transcript.)

IV. Berkeley Lab Responses to Comments on the Tritium Sampling and Analysis Plan

Task Force Member McGraw, representing LBNL, continued his presentation from the November 16th TF Meeting on LBNL responses to Task Force and community comments on the Tritium Analysis and Sampling Plan and on ongoing Laboratory programs and activities. He addressed the last medium to be discussed: air.

V. Task Force Polled on Moving Ahead with Surface Water, Soil, and Sediment

A final discussion was held to clarify and confirm Members' position on beginning sampling of surface water, sediment, and soil. The Task Force Members were polled on beginning sampling according to the Revised Sampling Plan following approval from the EPA. Please see the transcript for Member comments.

VI. Public Comment (See Transcript)

The next meeting was tentatively set for Feb. 21, 2001

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, this date has been changed to March 1, 2001